CERES Science Team Meeting

Items for Discussion - December 1999

New version of view_hdf validation tool

Changes to ERBE-like HDF data products

ERBE Nonscanner status

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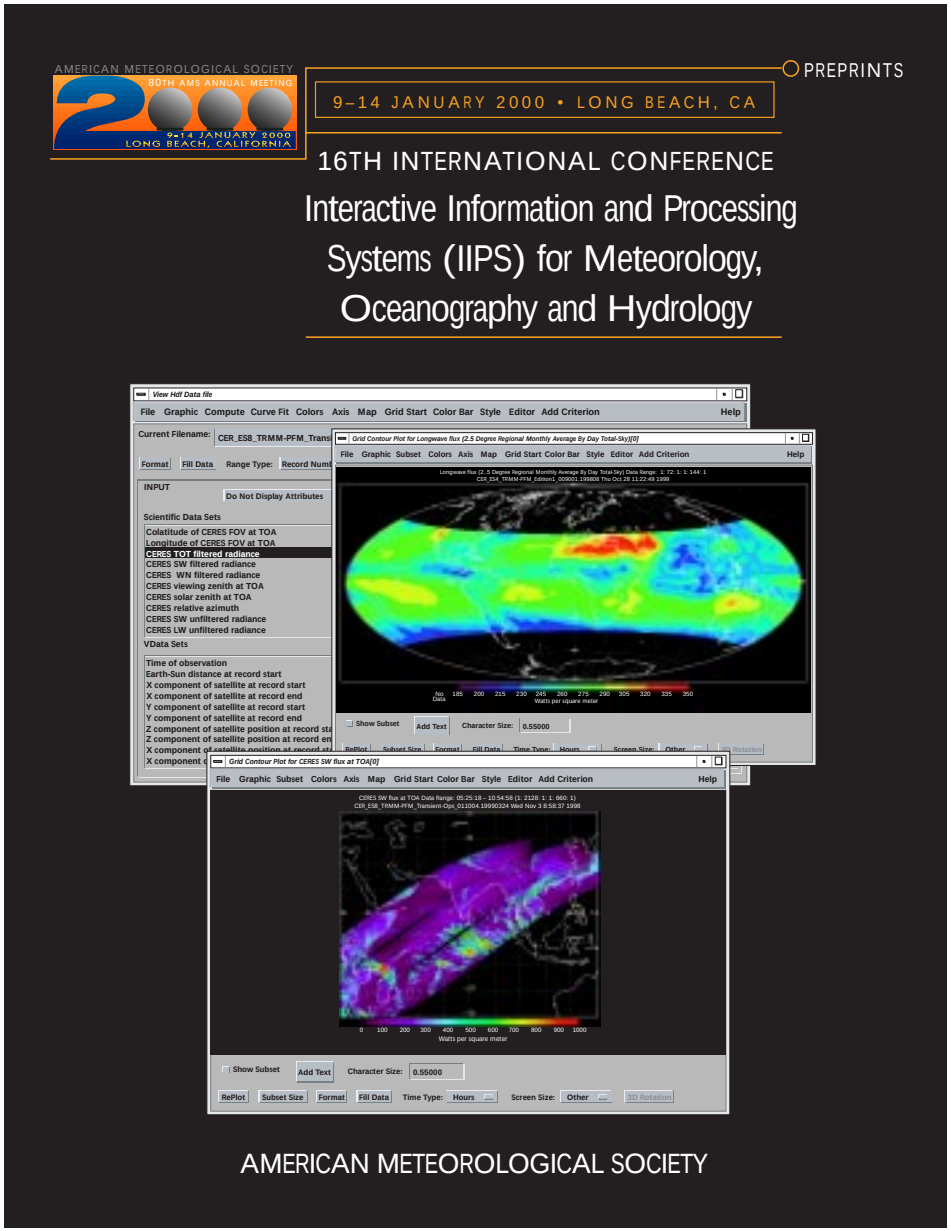
view_hdf Release 2 now available

From the Langley DAAC: http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/HPDOCS/view_hdf.html

- Works with both HDF and HDF-EOS
- Requires IDL, Version 5 or above
- Downloadable tar files for:
  - SGI Irix
  - Sun Solaris
  - HP HP-UX
  - DEC Alpha Digital Unix
- 92-page PDF User's Guide
- New features:
  - vgroup selection
  - simple calculations
  - curve fits
  - histograms
  - remembers settings
- Working on PC version
- Cooperative effort with DAAC
  - CERES makes enhancements
  - DAAC handles distribution & support
  - Kam-Pui Lee & Linda Hunt demonstrated capabilities at several conferences



Changes to ERBE-like HDF Data Products

Thanks to Suzanne Rupert at Scripps for feedback and suggestions on ES-8 format and content.

Edition2 ERBE-like Products:

- **ES-8 - Instantaneous TOA Estimates (Hierarchical Data Format - EOS swath)**
  - **Proposed slope-intercept spectral correction using revised spectral response**
  - **Revised limit checks (e.g. raised LW TOA flux from 400 to 450 watts per square meter)**
- **ES-9 - Monthly Regional Averages, and ES-4 - Monthly Geographical Averages**
  - **Set regional average viewing zenith and relative azimuth to fill value if RAPS scanning**
  - **Re-write from HDF-EOS grid structure to standard NCSA HDF**
  - **Used vgroup structures for easier navigation (72 sets of space and time averaged values)**
- **For ES-8, ES-9 and ES-4**
  - **Changed from ERBE to CERES standard fill values**
  - **Added attributes for units, range and fill values for each parameter**
  - **Added dimension names to make Scientific Data Sets more self-describing**

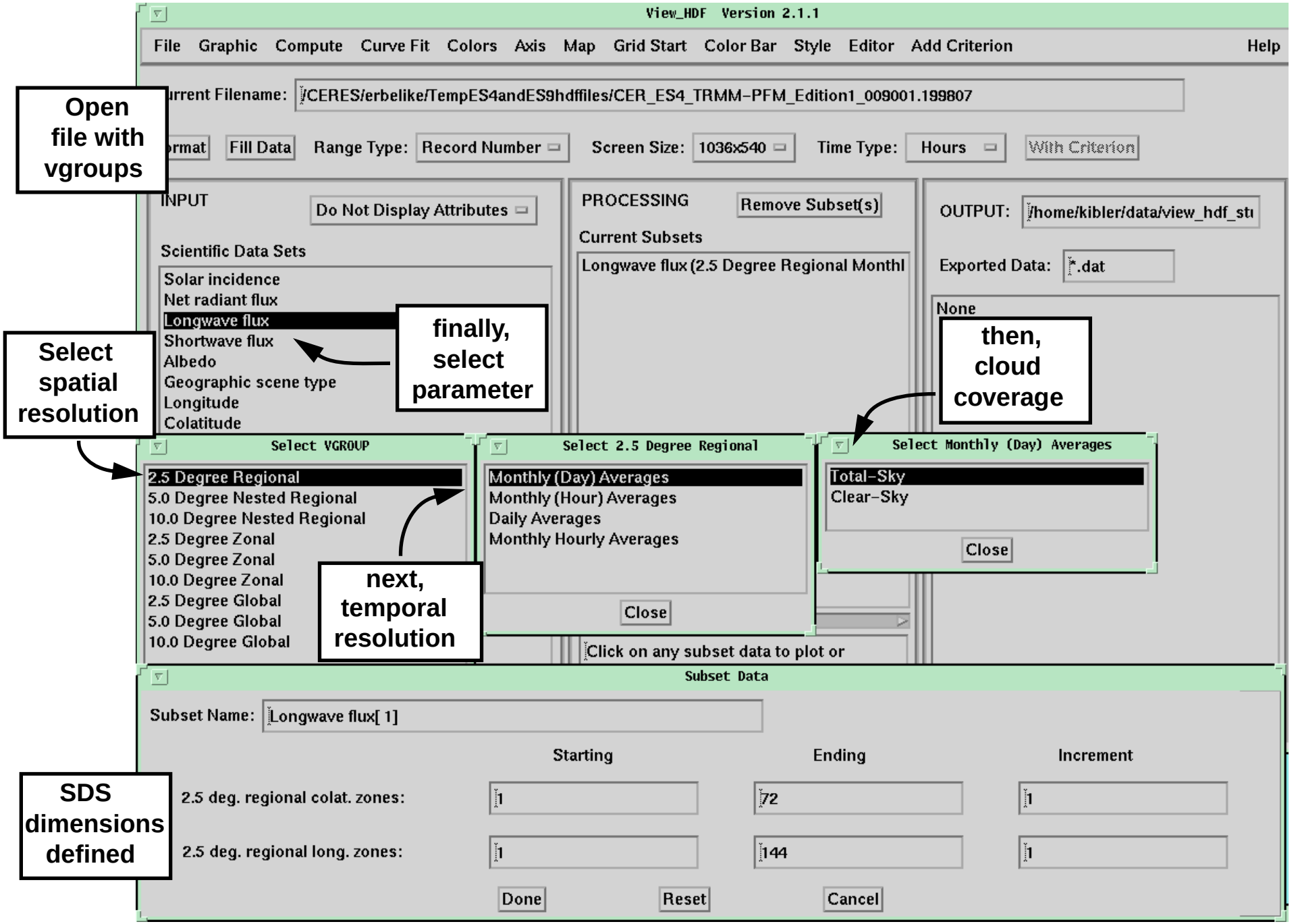
Revised Collection Guides:

- **Overview of each product with detailed description of each parameter**
- **PDF format with hyperlinks and index**
- **http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/ceres/collect_guide/list.html**

Daily and monthly plots available:

- **Currently Edition1 - will be Edition2 after re-processing**
- **http://earth-www.larc.nasa.gov/erbelike/pub_cdval/**

ERBE-like ES-9 and ES-4 vgroup navigation



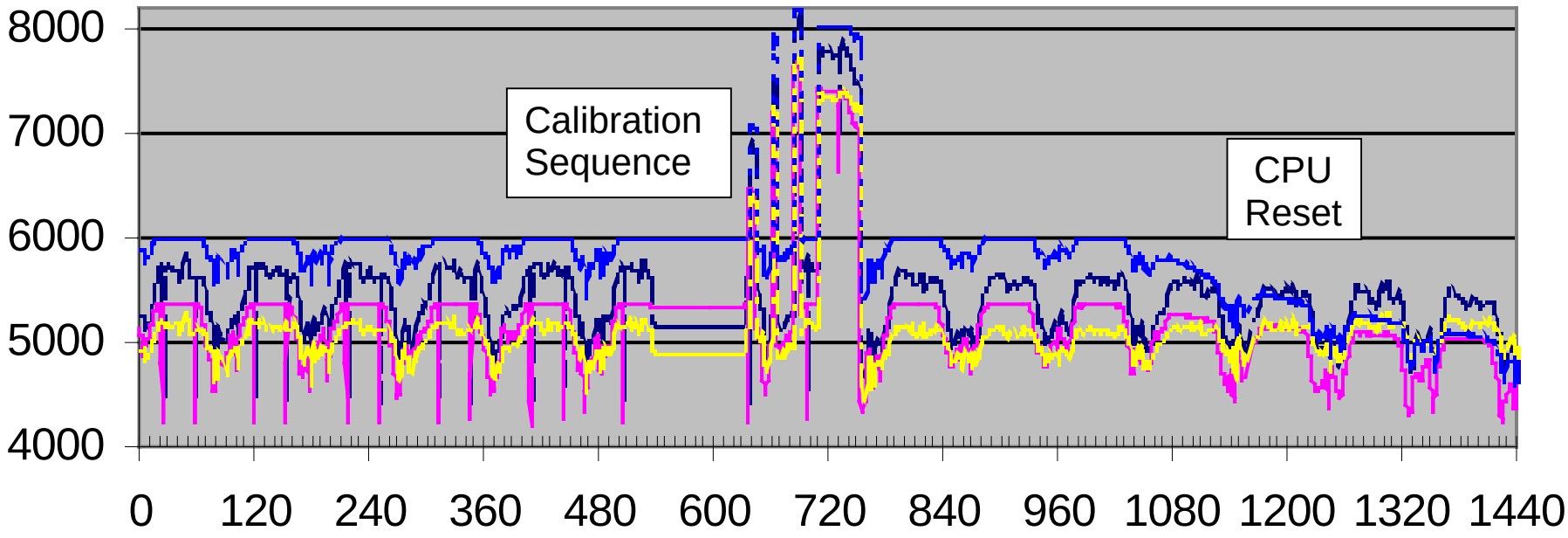
ERBE Nonscanner still chugging along

On October 5, 1999, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the ERBS launch with ERBE & SAGE II

On October 6, we had an anomaly:

- **Performed a regularly-scheduled internal and solar calibration**
- **Elevation motor power was still on at the next real-time pass**
- **Turned off power bus and began investigation:**
  - **Erratic movement of elevation beam during calibration sequences**
  - **Earth-viewing channels radiometric response appears normal**
  - **No longer see full sun in wide-field-of-view channels at sunrise/sunset**
  - **Elevation beam is likely within a few degrees of nadir, but stuck**
- **Attempted commands to stow and to nadir with no success**
- **Current status:**
  - **Suspended future calibrations**
  - **Modified power-on and power-off procedures to remove elevation motor commands**
  - **No problems from Leonids shutdown**
- **Plan to defer further trouble-shooting until we acquire overlap measurements with CERES**
- **Plan to collect solar monitor channel measurements for comparison with upcoming ACRIMSAT**

ERBE Nonscanner Channel output, counts



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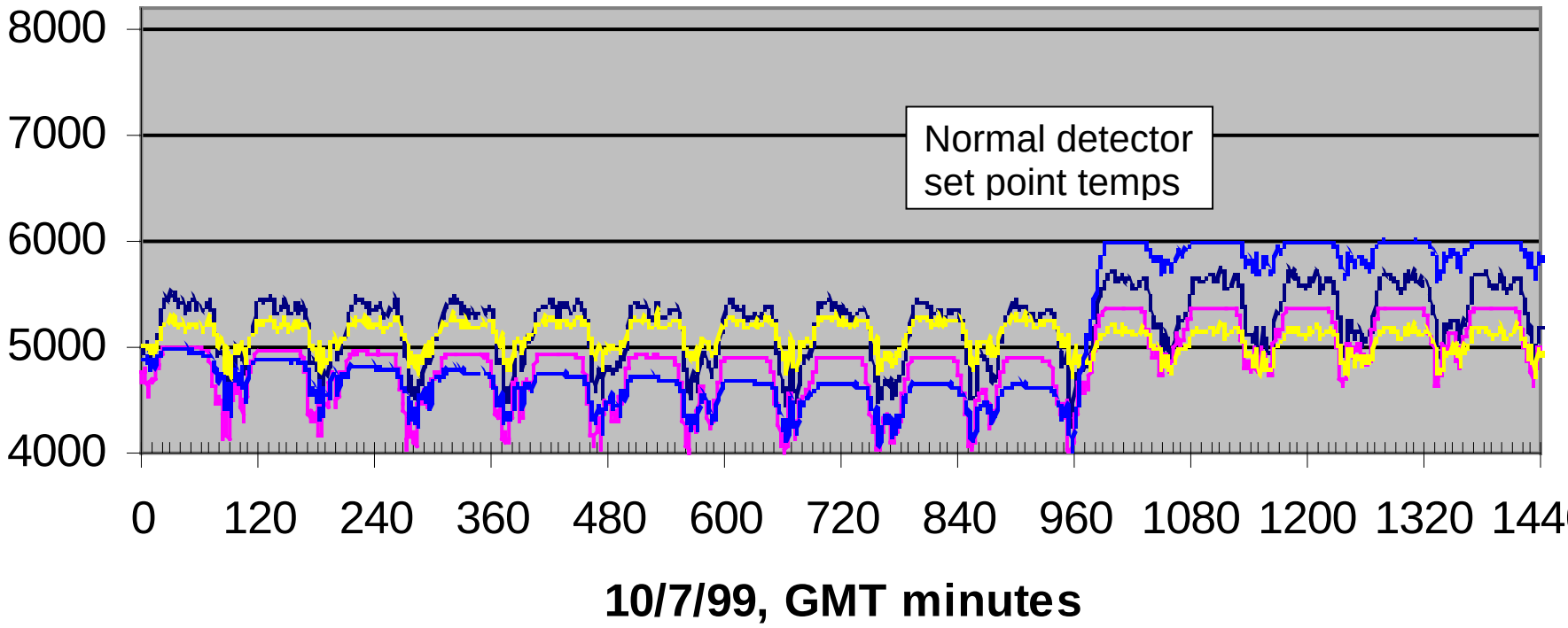

Some URL's

Revised CERES home page with online version of brochure, links to public CERES pages

- **http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/ceres/ASDceres.html**

CERES TRMM Quick-look Results

- **http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/ceres/trmm/ceres_trmm.html**

Instrument Operations and Housekeeping Data Statistics

- **http://earth-www.larc.nasa.gov/ceresweb/instr_pub.html**

ERBE-like Public Web Page

- **http://earth-www.larc.nasa.gov/erbelike/puffb_cdval/**

SARB Working Group

- **http://srbsun.larc.nasa.gov/sarb/**

Surface Properties

- **http://tanalo.larc.nasa.gov:8080/surf_htmls/SARB_surf.html**

On-Line documentation - links to all CERES documents, data product collection guides

- **http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/ceres/docs.html**

Langley DAAC - has link to CERES data order tool and can download view_hdf

- **http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/**